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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Examiner: Sackey, E.
Hudson, et al.)	
Serial No.: 09/900,336)	Group Art Unit: 1626
Filed: July 5, 2001)	
For: METHODS FOR PROTECTION OF)	Attorney Docket No.: 22496/04060
STRATIFIED SQUAMOUS)	
EPITHELIUM AGAINST INJURY)	
BY NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES AND)	
NOVEL AGENTS FOR USE)	
THEREFORE)	

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed, September 10, 2002, which was kindly faxed to the undersigned by Examiner Sackey on January 2, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

28. (Twice Amended) An agent which protects stratified squamous epithelium against injury by a noxious substance, and has the formula:

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